

HOUSE BILL 3015

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 2, relative to providing aid to senior citizens for certain purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-2-105, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c) and by redesignating present subsection (c) as subsection (d):

(c)(1) In addition to the powers, responsibilities or duties granted to the commission, the commission shall initiate an outreach program, within available resources, to assist Tennesseans over the age of sixty (60) in obtaining, at minimal or no cost, the following items:

(A) Prescribed prescription drugs through patient assistance programs offered by pharmaceutical manufacturers if such individuals meet the income criteria established by these programs;

(B) Coverage for prescribed prescription drugs if such individuals are eligible for TennCare, Veterans Administration programs, Medicare supplemental policies or any other program that provides such coverage; and

(C) Prescribed prescription discount cards or guidance on how to access other programs that provide discounted prescription drugs to eligible participants.

(2) Minimally, such outreach shall include:

(A) Assistance from qualified persons to complete forms and requirements from programs in subdivision (1).

(B) A toll-free number manned during business hours to provide information regarding the programs outlined in subdivision (1).

(C) A website or referral to website links that provide information regarding the programs outlined in subdivision (1).

(D) Presentations to senior groups regarding the availability of the programs outlined in subdivision (1).

(3) The commission may delegate any or all such responsibilities to a private or public contractor.

(4) The commission may adopt rules in accordance with the uniform administrative procedures act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, to implement this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.